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1. US AND MEXICAN REPS INITIALLED MEMORANDUM OF UNDER-STANDING FEBRUARY 28 ON NEW, THREE YEAR ALL FIBER BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT. ATMOSPHERE THROUGHOUT NEGOTIATIONS EXLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TREMELY FRIENDLY.

- 2. SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION OF THIS CRUCIAL AGREEMENT SHOULD, THE DEPARTMENT HOPES, PAVE THE WAY FOR SIMILAR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER ARA COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY COLOMBIA.
- 3. FYI AT NO TIME DID US SIDE SENSE ANY TENDENCY OF MEXICAN DELEGATION TO USE "FRONT" TACTICS AGAINST US. THE MEXICANS SEEMED BENT ON OBTAINING THE VERY BEST DEAL THEY COULD FOR MEXICO WITH NO THOUGHT OR MENTION MADE OF ANY OTHER ARA COUNTRY. INDEED, USDEL WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED BY THE LACK OF "PHILOSOPHIZING" THROUGHOUT THE TALKS. IT SEEMS CLEAR NOW THAT MEXICO MUST BE COUNTED OUT ON ANY POSSIBLE ARA TEXTILE BLOCK FORMATION AGAINST US END FYI. KISSINGER

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